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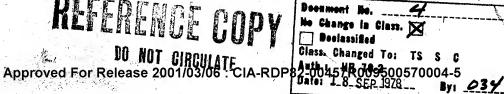
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- Between March 1948 and July 1951, 122 men were conscripted for military service in F<sup>3</sup> unghae-myon (124-59, 38-26) (XC 7355). Four of the draftees became officers, 11 non-commissioned officers, and the remaining 107 privates,
- Of a total membership of 1268 persons, two-thirds of them women, in the Plunghae-myon branch of the North Korean Farmers Alliance, 523 persons had defected to the ROK by July 1951. From the beginning of the Korean war to that date, the membership had suffered 369 casualties, 1 135 of them men and 234 women. In July 1951 there were 14 new members of the alliance in Punghae myon. Of the membership in July, 38 were members of the North Kerean Labor Party and six were members of the Democratic Party.
- In the summer of 1950, before North Korean troops retreated from Ranghae Province northward, there were 1812 houses in Plunghae myon and 510 units? were gathered by the use of 850 farming implements. In July 1951 only 1112 houses remained, and only 151 units were being harvested although the number of farm tools available had only slightly decreased. The loss of farm animals was severe: in mid-1950 there were 301 cows, 305 pigs, and 300 chickens in the district, but in July 1951 there were 105 cows, 250 pigs, and 150 chickens.
- By August 1951 Punghae-myon had contributed the following straw products and other items to the North Korean government and army:

Straw bags for grain 5280 bags Straw bags for salt 6300 bags Straw rope 5600 units3. Straw mats 900 mats Used straw bags 8362 bags Ox hides and pig skins 60 Lead and copper articles 310 pieces

In the month of September 1951, the principal objectives of the Paunghas-myon branch of the North Korean Farmers Alliance were to encounage

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the prompt payment of taxes in kind by the use of instructors and "model formers," other propagende work, and lecture classes for elliance officers and chairmon of alliance branches in the villages in the district. The subjects of the lecture classes were to be the current demestic situation in North Korea and modern forming techniques. General meetings of the numbership in each village to review the work and the plans for the third and fourth quarters of the year were to be held in late September. These programs were to be supervised by KIM Ung-su, chairman of the Plunghae-myon Farmers filliance.

- 25X1C1 Cornect. The language used by the source suggests that "casualties" here means deaths, but this is not certain; all figures in this and succeeding paragraphs should be read in light of the fact that Pumpheo-myon is less than ten miles from the west coast of North Korna and only about thirty rules north of the 38th parallel, was occupied by UII forces, and has possibly been subjected to air and navel attacks.
- 25X1C<sup>2</sup> Compart. The unit in which crops are usually measured in Korea is the 'sok," equal to about five bushels, but the source sid not state the unit here.
- 25X1C 3 Comment. Rope is usually measured by weight, rather than length, in Kerca. Presumably this means "5600 humn," or about 44,800 pounds of rope.

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